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In re the Application of:

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For: ELECTRONIC CASHING CARD SETTLEMENT SYSTEM

AMENDMENT

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The above-identified patent application is under appeal. The Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed January 31, 2007 maintained the rejection of claims 1-23 and 26 from the final Office Action of March 3, 2006 and set a one month time period for filing an Appeal Brief. A Request for Continued Examination along with this Amendment is timely submitted by February 28, 2007 to reopen prosecution.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted to the final Office Action of March 3, 2006 and the Advisory Action of August 25, 2006. Entry of the claim amendments and reconsideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested, because it is believed that the claim amendments and remarks clarify the patentably distinguishing features of the present invention over the relied upon references to place the application in condition for allowance and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116 this Amendment complies with 37 CFR 1.114 by filing an RCE.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.